

**Amendment/Response**

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Sir:

This response is in reply to an Office Action mailed out 09/22/2008 with a Shortened Statutory Period of 3 months (until 12/22/2008) set for reply. With payment of three month extension fee under 37 CFR 1.136(a), said period for reply is extended until 03/22/2009, a Sunday. The following business day is Monday, March 23, 2009. An appropriate small entity fee for a three-month extension fee under 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be paid separately.

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**Conclusion** begins on page 75 of this paper.

**Attached Exhibit A**, evidence of unobviousness, begins on page 78 of this paper.